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Wednesday, 29th November,2006

W.P.No.24853 of 2006

Between :

Mohammod Hifzul Bary ... Petitioner

and

The Controller, Legal Metrology
(Weights & Measures), 209, P.W.D.
Buildings, Gandhinagar,
Hyderabad-500 080 ... Respondent

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ORAL ORDER:

Heard both sides.

The only complaint of the petitioner is that he filed an application dated 23-1-2006 before the respondent for grant of licence under Section 19 of the Standard of Weights & Measures (Enforcement) Act,1985 (for short 'the Act') to enable him to continue to work with M/s.Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited as contract Fitter. It is the case of the petitioner that he passed ITI and the prescribed trade test in the trade of Fitter (Mechanic) in the year 1998. He was engaged as a Contract Technician for preventive and breakdown maintenance of dispensing units of Bharat Petroleum Retail Outlets in Kadapa, Kurnool and Anantapur Districts and a letter dated 9-2-2003 to that effect was issued by the Sales and Engineering Officer, Kadapa. While so, the District Senior Inspector, Kadapa informed him not to work in the BPCL outlets without obtaining licence under Section 19 of the Act. Therefore, he filed an application on 23-1-2006 for grant of licence, but the same has not yet been considered by the respondent.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, without going into the merits, the respondent is directed to take up the application purported to have been filed by the petitioner on 23-1-2006 and consider for grant of licence under Section 19 of the Act, if the petitioner is otherwise eligible, within a period of four weeks from the date of

receipt of a copy of this order.

Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

29-11-2006

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